

# A Helping Hand for Small Businesses

Small businesses across the country have found a trusted friend in the environmental assistance programs mandated by the Clean Air Act (CAA). The success of these programs show how an effective government program can accomplish its mission—in this case to ensure compliance with laws to protect human health and the environment—and be good for business at the same time.

## Expansion of the Clean Air Act



On November 15, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAA) into law. These amendments to the 1970 Clean Air Act extended federal clean-air controls to small businesses after studies indicated that new federal controls on smaller air-pollution sources were needed to adequately address air-quality problems.

**47%**

Small businesses account for **47.2 PERCENT** of Utah's workforce.

**260K**

There are **259,786** small businesses in Utah.

**16X**

Small businesses produced **16 TIMES** more patents per employee than large firms.

**86%**

Small businesses account for **85.7% PERCENT** of products exported from Utah.

## The CAA includes the following resources



### Small Business Ombudsman

The Small Business Ombudsman acts as an advocate for small businesses. The SBO accompanies small businesses to enforcement conferences and tries to make sure that companies have the opportunity to come into compliance without a fine.



### Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program helps small businesses with permitting assistance, emission calculations, technical issues, regulatory interpretation, and pollution prevention techniques.



### Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)

The Compliance Advisory Panel provides input to the Division of Air Quality (DAQ) regarding the needs of small businesses. This information, in turn, helps DAQ help small businesses comply with state and federal air-pollution laws.